

## ALTERNATING-CURRENT GENERATOR FOR VEHICLE

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## Abstract

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide an alternating-current generator for vehicles which is simple in shape for a cooling air suction window and enables noise to be reduced without degrading cooling capability.  
**SOLUTION:** A front-side housing 4 of an alternator is provided with four main spokes 430 and auxiliary spoke 432 formed in the radial direction and eight diagonal spokes 434, which are positioned between the adjacent main spokes 430 and auxiliary spokes 432 and are formed so that they are slanted at a specified angle with respect to the radial direction. The slant of the diagonal spokes 434 is so set that the direction of the slant is opposite to the direction of the slant of the tip of a cooling fan installed at an end face of a rotor with the direction of the radius positioned at the center. When the cooling fan is rotated, the diagonal spokes 434 and the tip of the cooling fan intersect each other at a large angle.

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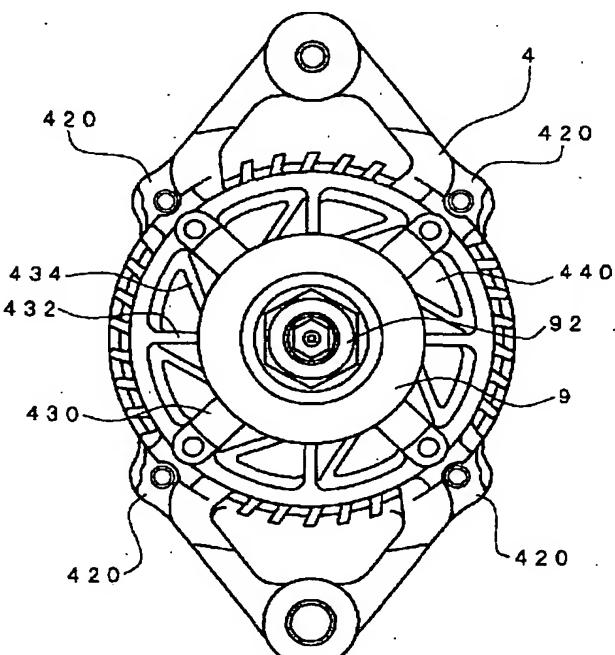
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(57)【要約】

【課題】 冷却風の吸入窓の形状が単純でしかも冷却性能を低下させることなく低騒音化が可能な車両用交流発電機を提供すること。

【解決手段】 オルタネータ1のフロント側ハウジング4は、径方向に沿って形成された4本の主スポーク430および補助スポーク432と、隣接する主スポーク430と補助スポーク432との間であって径方向に対して所定の角度傾斜するように形成された合計8本の斜行スポーク434とを有している。斜行スポーク434の傾斜方向は、回転子の端面に取り付けられた冷却ファン先端部の傾斜方向に対して、径方向を中心に反対側となるように設定されており、冷却ファンが回転したときに、斜行スポーク434と冷却ファン先端部とが大きな角度をもって交差する。



### 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】回転軸に固定される界磁鉄心と前記界磁鉄心の軸方向端面に取り付けられる冷却ファンとを有する回転子と、前記回転子を回転可能に支持するハウジングとを備え、少なくとも前記冷却ファンとの対向面が前記回転軸を中心とした径方向に対して傾斜した斜行スパークを前記ハウジングの冷却風の吸入窓に設けることを特徴とする車両用交流発電機。

【請求項2】請求項1において、

前記斜行スパークの前記対向面での傾斜方向は、前記対向面に近接する前記冷却ファンの傾斜方向に対して、前記径方向を挟んで反対となるように設定されることを特徴とする車両用交流発電機。

【請求項3】請求項1または2において、

前記ハウジングは、前記径方向に沿った向きに形成された複数の径方向スパークを有しており、円周方向に隣接する前記径方向スパークの間に前記斜行スパークが配置されることを特徴とする車両用交流発電機。

【請求項4】請求項3において、

前記径方向スパークの少なくとも一部は、固定子締結用のボルトが通る前記ハウジングの支持部に対応していることを特徴とする車両用交流発電機。

【請求項5】請求項3または4において、

前記径方向スパークで区画された前記吸入窓の対角線に沿って前記斜行スパークを形成することを特徴とする車両用交流発電機。

### 【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、冷却ファンを内蔵する車両用交流発電機に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】回転電機の一種である車両用交流発電機は、車両走行中にバッテリの補充電を行うとともに、エンジンの点火、照明、その他の各種電装品の電力を賄うものである。近年、車両の高級化等に伴って、車両用交流発電機の低騒音化が要求されている。

【0003】ところで、車両用交流発電機の騒音の一つに冷却ファンを回転させたときに発生するファン騒音がある。回転子の軸方向端面に冷却ファンが固定された内扇式の車両用交流発電機においては、この回転子が収納されるフレームの吸入窓近傍においてファン騒音が発生することが知られており、この部分で生じるファン騒音を低減する従来技術としては、実開平3-21964号公報に開示された車両用充電発電機や特開平7-107704号公報に開示された車両用交流発電機がある。

【0004】実開平3-21964号公報に開示された車両用充電発電機は、フロント側ハウジング（プラケット）に形成された吸入窓の形状がハウジングの中心に対し非対称に設定されている。このため、回転子の軸方向端面に取り付けられたファンが回転した場合であっても

吸気の周期的な圧力変動が生じにくく、この結果、回転次数比成分の発生を減少させ、吸気に起因するファン騒音を構成する周波数を広く分散させて風騒音の耳障り感を低減させることができ、しかもファン騒音のオーバーオール値も低減させることができる。

【0005】また、特開平7-107704号公報に開示された車両用交流発電機は、フロント側ハウジングの吸入窓の外郭形状が四角形形状あるいは多角形形状に形成されている。このため、ファン騒音の次数成分が分散され、ファン騒音低減および不快音低減を図ることができる。

【0006】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】ところで、上述した実開平3-21964号公報に開示された車両用充電発電機は、フロント側ハウジングの吸入窓の形状がフレームの中心に対して非対称に設定されているため、吸入窓の形状が複雑になって、製品設計およびこれを製造するための型設計が煩雑になって、コスト高になるという問題がある。

【0007】また、上述した特開平7-107704号公報に開示された車両用交流発電機は、フロント側ハウジングの吸入窓の外郭形状を多角形に形成しているため、円形に形成する場合に比べると、吸入窓全体の面積が小さくなり、風量が少なくて冷却性能が低下するという問題があった。このように、上述した従来の車両用交流発電機は、ファン騒音を低減するために吸入窓の形状が複雑になったり、風量が少なくて冷却性能が低下しており、根本的な解決策とはいえないかった。

【0008】本発明は、このような点に鑑みて創作されたものであり、その目的は、冷却風の吸入窓の形状が単純でしかも冷却性能を低下させることなく低騒音化が可能な車両用交流発電機を提供することにある。

【0009】

【課題を解決するための手段】上述した課題を解決するために、本発明の車両用交流発電機は、ハウジングの冷却風の吸入窓に、径方向に対して傾斜した向きを有する斜行スパークが形成されている。このハウジングを界磁鉄心端面に冷却ファンが取り付けられた回転子と組み合わせて用いることにより、冷却ファンが回転してこの斜行スパークと重なる場合に一時的に重複面積が急激に増大することを防止して、冷却ファンが回転したときに生じる圧力変動を低減して低騒音化を図ることができる。また、ハウジングの吸入窓に形成されたスパークの方向を径方向に対して傾斜させただけであるため、吸入窓全体の形状が単純であり、設計や製造が容易となる。また、吸入窓の面積が減少することもないため、冷却性が低下することもない。

【0010】特に、上述した斜行スパークの傾斜方向は、径方向に対して冷却ファンの傾斜方向と反対になるように設定することが好ましい。互いに反対向きに冷却

ファンと斜行スパークの向きを設定することにより、冷却ファンと斜行スパークのそれぞれの対向部分が垂直に近い角度で交差することになるため重複面積を少なくすることができ、冷却ファンが回転したときに生じる圧力変動をさらに低減することができる。

【0011】また、上述したハウジングには斜行スパークの他に径方向に沿った径方向スパークが形成されており、円周方向（回転方向）に隣接する径方向スパークの間に斜行スパークを配置することが好ましい。径方向スパークを組み合わせて用いることにより、ハウジングの強度（剛性）を高めることができ、しかも径方向スパークと斜行スパークとが交互に配置されることになるため、冷却ファンとこれらのスパークとの間で生じる圧力変動が不均一化され、ファン騒音の次数成分を分散させてさらなる低騒音化が可能になる。

【0012】また、上述した径方向スパークの少なくとも一部には、固定子締結用のボルトが通る支持部に対応していることが好ましい。ボルトの締め付け時に発生するハウジングの歪みを少なくすることにより、発電時に固定子の微少振動で発生する磁気的な騒音を低減することができ、車両用交流発電機全体での騒音の発生をさらに抑えることができる。

【0013】また、径方向スパークと斜行スパークとを組み合わせて用いる場合に、斜行スパークは、径方向スパークで区画された吸入窓の対角線に沿って形成することが好ましい。対角線に沿って形成することにより、傾斜の度合いを大きく設定することができ、冷却ファンと斜行スパークとが交差する角度をさらに大きくして、冷却ファン回転時に生じる圧力変動をさらに低減することができる。また、吸入窓の内周側と外周側を連結するように斜行スパークを形成することになるため、斜行スパークによってある程度の強度を確保することができる。このため、ハウジングの剛性が上がって、固定子の微少振動によって生じる磁気的な騒音を低減することができる。

#### 【0014】

【発明の実施の形態】本発明を適用した一実施形態の車両用交流発電機（以後、「オルタネータ」と称する）は、ハウジングに設けられた冷却風の吸入窓に、回転子に取り付けられた冷却ファンとは反対向きに傾斜した斜行スパークを形成したことに特徴がある。以下、本発明を適用した一実施形態のオルタネータについて、図面を参照しながら具体的に説明する。

【0015】図1は、本実施形態のオルタネータの全体構造を示す断面図である。また、図2はフロント側から見た本実施形態のオルタネータの正面図である。これらの図に示すように、オルタネータ1は、回転子2、固定子3、フロント側ハウジング4、リヤ側ハウジング5、ブラシ装置6、整流装置7、電圧調整装置8、ブーリ9を含んで構成されている。

【0016】回転子2は、絶縁処理された銅線を円筒状かつ同心状に巻き回した界磁巻線21を、それぞれが6個の爪部を有する界磁鉄心22、23によって、回転軸24を通して両側から挟み込んだ構造を有している。また、フロント側（ブーリ9側）の界磁鉄心22の端面には、フロント側から吸い込んだ冷却風を軸方向および径方向に吐き出すために軸流式の冷却ファン25が溶接等によって取り付け固定されている。同様に、リヤ側の磁極鉄心23の端面には、リヤ側から吸い込んだ冷却風を径方向に吐き出すために遠心式の冷却ファン26が溶接等によって取り付けられている。

【0017】また、回転軸24のリヤ側には界磁巻線21の両端に電気的に接続されたスリップリング27、28が形成されており、ブラシ装置6内のブラシ61、62をスリップリング27、28のそれぞれに押し当てた状態で組み付けることにより、整流装置7から界磁巻線21に対して励磁電流が流れるようになっている。固定子3は、固定子コア31に形成された複数個のスロットに、3相の固定子巻線32が所定の間隔で巻き回されている。

【0018】整流装置7は、3相の固定子巻線32の出力電圧である3相交流を整流して直流出力を得るためのものであり、所定の間隔で固定される正極側放熱板および負極側放熱板と、それぞれの放熱板に半田付け等によって取り付けられた複数個の整流素子とを含んで構成されている。フロント側ハウジング4およびリヤ側ハウジング5は、上述した回転子2および固定子3を収納しており、回転子2が回転軸24を中心回転可能な状態で支持されているとともに、回転子2の界磁鉄心22、23の外側に所定の隙間を介して配置された固定子3が固定されている。この固定子3の固定は、円周方向に等間隔に設けられた4箇所の支持部420にボルト34を通して締め付けることにより行われる。フロント側ハウジング4詳細形状については後述する。

【0019】電圧調整装置8は、界磁巻線21に流す励磁電流を制御することによりオルタネータ1の出力電圧を調整するためのものであり、負荷が軽くて出力電圧が高くなる場合には、界磁巻線21に対する電圧の印加を断続することにより、オルタネータ1の出力電圧を所定値に維持する。ブーリ9は、エンジン（図示せず）の回転をオルタネータ1内の回転子2に伝えるためのものであり、回転軸24の一方端（スリップリング27等と反対側）にナット91によって締め付け固定されている。また、ブラシ装置6、整流装置7および電圧調整装置8を覆うようにリヤカバー92が取り付けられている。

【0020】上述した構造を有するオルタネータ1は、ベルト等を介してブーリ9にエンジンからの回転が伝えられると回転子2が所定方向に回転する。界磁巻線21に外部から励磁電圧を印加することにより界磁鉄心22、23のそれぞれの爪部が励磁され、固定子巻線32

に3相交流電圧を発生させることができ、整流装置7の出力端子からは所定の直流電流が取り出される。以後、オルタネータ1自身の出力電圧が電圧調整装置8を介して界磁巻線21に印加されるため、外部から印加する励磁電圧が不要となる。

【0021】また、上述した回転子2の回転に伴って、一方の界磁鉄心22の端面に取り付けられた冷却ファン25が回転するため、ブーリ9側に設けられたフロント側ハウジング4の吸入窓440を介して冷却風がオルタネータ1内部に吸入され、この冷却風の軸方向成分によって界磁巻線21が冷却されるとともに、径方向成分によって固定子巻線32の前方端部が冷却される。同様に、他方の界磁鉄心23の端面に取り付けられた冷却ファン26も回転するため、リヤカバー92の吸入窓を介して吸入された冷却風が、整流装置7あるいは電圧調整装置8を冷却した後に、リヤ側ハウジング5の吸入窓を介して冷却ファン26まで導かれ、この冷却風が径方向に排出されるため、固定子巻線32の後方端部が冷却される。

【0022】図3は、フロント側ハウジング4のみを抜き出してその正面図を示したものである。フロント側ハウジング4は、ブーリ9に対向する位置にペアリング36を収納するペアリングボックス400と、オルタネータ1をエンジンブロック（図示せず）に取り付けるために使用される2本のステー410、412と、これらのステー410、412のそれぞれの根元部分近傍であって側面に等間隔に配置された4つの支持部420とを有している。各支持部420は、内周面に雌ネジ溝が形成されたボルト収納部を有しており、フロント側ハウジング4内に固定子3を収納した状態で、各支持部420のボルト収納部にボルト34を通して締め付けることにより、固定子3がフロント側ハウジング4に固定される。

【0023】また、フロント側ハウジング4は、4つの支持部420のそれぞれとペアリングボックス400の外周面とを連結するように径方向に延びた4本の主スポーク430と、円周方向に隣接する2本の主スポーク430のほぼ中央であって径方向に延びた4本の補助スポーク432と、円周方向に隣接する主スポーク430と補助スポーク432との間であって径方向に対して所定の傾斜角度 $\alpha$ を有する向きに形成された合計8本の斜行スポーク434とを有している。これらの主スポーク430、補助スポーク432、斜行スポーク434によって区画される空間が冷却風の吸入窓440として使用される。

【0024】図4は、吸入窓440近傍の拡大図である。同図に示すように、斜行スポーク434は、主スポーク430とこれに隣接する補助スポーク432とを対向する2辺として区画されたほぼ四角形形状の吸入窓に、径方向に対して傾斜角度 $\alpha$ となるように形成されている。但し、この傾斜方向はこの斜行スポーク434に

近接する側の冷却ファン25先端部の傾斜方向と反対になるようにする必要がある。冷却ファン25と斜行スポーク434とが対向する部分に着目した場合に、冷却ファン25先端部の傾斜方向は、外周側にいくにしたがって回転方向に対して後退するようにその傾斜角度 $\beta$ が設定される。これに対し、斜行スポーク434の傾斜方向は、外周側にいくにしたがって回転方向に対して前進するように、すなわち径方向を挟んで冷却ファン25先端部の傾斜方向と反対になるように傾斜角度 $\alpha$ が設定される。

【0025】また、斜行スポーク434の傾斜角度 $\alpha$ は、 $25^\circ \sim 65^\circ$ の範囲に含まれるように設定することが好ましい。斜行スポーク434は、冷却ファン25先端部分とほぼ直角に交わる方が好ましいが、斜行スポーク434の傾斜角度 $\alpha$ を極端に小さくあるいは大きく設定すると、斜行スポーク434と主スポーク430とで挟まれた吸入窓440Aおよび斜行スポーク434と補助スポーク432とで挟まれた吸入窓440Bの各面積に大きな偏りが生じ、吸入抵抗の増大や異物混入の点から好ましくない。

【0026】また、強度に着目すると、斜行スポーク434は、ペアリングボックス400の外周面450と、この外周面450に対向する周方向壁面452を連結するように形成することが好ましい。しかも、上述したように吸入窓440A、440Bの面積の偏りをできるだけ少なくするためには、主スポーク430とこれに隣接する補助スポーク432とを対向する2辺として区画されたほぼ四角形形状の吸入窓の対角線に沿うように斜行スポーク434を形成することが好ましい。このような位置に斜行スポーク434を形成することにより、フロント側ハウジング4全体の剛性を高めることができる。なお、主スポーク430と補助スポーク432によってフロント側ハウジング4に充分な剛性を持たせることができる場合には、斜行スポーク434の一方端が主スポーク430あるいは補助スポーク432の途中位置と交差するように斜行スポーク434を形成するようにしてもよい。

【0027】また、図5は図4のV-V線断面図である。図5に示すように、主スポーク430、補助スポーク432、斜行スポーク434は、フロント側ハウジング4の内周面がほぼ同一面となるように設定されている。各スポークの内周面を冷却ファン25の先端部分に近づけることにより、冷却風の吸入抵抗を少なくすることができる。また、主スポーク430、補助スポーク432、斜行スポーク434のそれぞれの軸方向高さは、主スポーク430、補助スポーク432、斜行スポーク434の順で低くなるように設定されている。フロント側ハウジング4の剛性を高めるためには、主スポーク430の断面積を増すことが最も有効であるが、吸入窓440A、440Bの面積を確保することも考慮して、主

スポート 430 の軸方向高さが最も高く設定されている。また、フロント側ハウジング 4 の剛性を高めるために次に有効なのは、補助スポート 432 の断面積を増すことであるため、主スポート 430 の次に補助スポート 432 の軸方向高さが高くなるように設定されている。したがって、斜行スポート 434 の軸方向高さは、最も低くなるように設定される。このように、剛性アップへの寄与の度合いが少ないスポートの高さを低く設定することにより、できるだけ冷却風の通風抵抗を低減することができる。

【0028】上述したように本実施形態のオルタネータ 1 は、界磁鉄心 22 の端面に冷却ファン 25 が取り付けられた回転子 2 を備えており、この回転子 2 を回転可能に支持するフロント側ハウジング 4 の吸入窓 440 に斜行スポート 434 が形成されている。径方向に対して所定の傾斜角度を有する斜行スポート 430 が形成されているため、回転子 2 とともに冷却ファン 25 が回転した際に、冷却ファン 25 の先端部分と斜行スポート 434 とが同時に重なる面積を少なくすることができ、冷却ファン 25 の回転によって生じる圧力変動を低減することができる。

【0029】図 6 は、斜行スポートを用いた場合の圧力変動を示す図である。同図において、横軸は冷却ファン 25 を回転させた場合の回転方向に沿った位置を示しており、「A」および「C」が斜行スポート 434 が形成された位置に対応し、「B」がその間の補助スポート 432 が形成された位置に対応している。また、縦軸は、冷却ファン 25 の先端部分近傍の圧力を示している。なお、斜行スポート 434 が形成された本実施形態のフロント側ハウジング 4 を用いた場合の圧力変動を実線で示すとともに、比較のために、本実施形態の斜行スポート 434 を補助スポート 432 に置き換えた従来型のフロント側ハウジングを用いた場合の圧力変動を点線で示した。

【0030】斜行スポート 434 と冷却ファン 25 の先端部分とが重なる場合には、これらが所定の角度をもって交差するため重複部分の面積が小さくなつて、瞬間的な圧力の上昇を抑えることができる。但し、斜行スポート 434 の代わりに補助スポート 432 を用いた場合に比べて、広範囲にわたって冷却ファン 25 の先端部分と斜行スポート 434 とが交差することになるため、圧力が高くなる範囲は広くなる。

【0031】このように、斜行スポート 434 が形成されたフロント側ハウジング 4 を用いることにより、冷却ファン 25 を回転させた際の圧力変動を抑えることができるとともに、斜行スポート 434 の位置における圧力と主スポート 430 や補助スポート 432 の位置における圧力を異ならせて圧力変動の不均一化を図り、冷却ファン 25 によって生じるファン騒音の次数成分を下げることができ、ファン騒音の低騒音化を図ることができ

る。

【0032】図 7 は、斜行スポートを用いた本実施形態のオルタネータ 1 のファン騒音を測定した結果を示す図である。同図において、横軸はオルタネータ回転数を、縦軸は dB 単位で表したファン騒音をそれぞれ示している。測定は、全ての次数成分を含む「オーバーオール」と各次数成分の包絡線を示す「次数包絡」のそれぞれについて行った。なお、斜行スポート 434 が形成された本実施形態のフロント側ハウジング 4 を用いた場合の測定結果を実線で示すとともに、比較のために、斜行スポート 434 を補助スポート 432 に置き換えた従来型のフロント側ハウジングを用いた場合の測定結果を点線で示した。

【0033】図 7 に示すように、比較的高い回転数においてファン騒音低減の効果が確認された。特に、「次数包絡」については高回転域の所定範囲において大幅なファン騒音の低減が実現された。これは、主スポート 430 や補助スポート 432 の間に斜行スポート 434 を配置したために圧力変動が不均一化し、次数成分が分散されたためであると考えられる。

【0034】ところで、上述した斜行スポート 434 は、径方向に対して一定の傾斜角度  $\alpha$  を有するように直線状に形成されているが、途中で傾斜方向を変えて「くの字」型に形成するようにしてもよい。図 8 は、斜行スポートをくの字型に形成した変形例を示す図である。同図に示すフロント側ハウジング 4A は、図 3 に示したフロント側ハウジング 4 に対して斜行スポートの形状を変更した点が異なっている。斜行スポート 434A は、径方向に対する 2 段階の傾斜角度が設定されており、固定子の回転方向に対して後退する側に隣接する吸気窓 440C に突出させることにより、この斜行スポート 434A に隣接する 2 つの吸気窓 440C、440D の面積がほぼ同じになるように設定されている。

【0035】このように、斜行スポート 434A の傾斜方向を 2 段階に設定してその形状をくの字型とすることにより、吸気窓 440C、440D の面積の偏りをなくすことができ、一方の面積が極端に小さくなる場合に比べて吸気抵抗の低減を図ることができる。また、吸気窓 440C、440D の面積が均一化されることにより、侵入可能な異物の大きさが小さくなるため、異物の排除能力を高めることができる。

【0036】また、上述した斜行スポート 434、434A は、径方向に対して所定の角度を有し、軸方向については回転軸 24 と平行になるように形成されていたが、軸方向についても傾斜を付けるようにしてもよい。図 9 は、斜行スポートを軸方向に対して傾斜させた変形例を示す図であり、斜行スポート近傍の部分的な拡大図が示されている。また、図 10 は図 9 の X-X 線断面図である。

【0037】図 9 および図 10 に示すように、斜行ス

ーク 4 3 4 B は、軸方向に対して所定角度傾斜しており、冷却ファン 2 5 との対向面から遠ざかるにしたがって、回転方向に対して後退する向きに傾斜している。一般に、回転子 2 を回転させたときに吸入される冷却風は、この斜行スパーク 4 3 4 B の傾斜方向と同じ向きに流れることが知られている。すなわち、冷却風の吸入方向に合わせて斜行スパーク 4 3 4 B の軸方向に対する傾斜方向を決めるこにより、斜行スパーク 4 3 4 B が存在することによる吸入抵抗の増大を極力低減することができ、冷却性能の低下を防止することができる。

【0038】なお、本発明は上記実施形態に限定されるものではなく、本発明の要旨の範囲内で種々の変形実施が可能である。例えば、図8に示したフロント側ハウジング4Aに含まれる斜行スポーク434Aは、途中で1回折り曲げてくの字型に形成したが、2回以上折り曲げたり、全体を滑らかな曲線形状に形成するようにしてもよい。また、図9に部分的に示したフロント側ハウジングでは、斜行スポーク434Bのみを軸方向に対して傾斜させたが、主スポーク430や補助スポーク432についても同様に軸方向に対して傾斜させてもよい。

【0039】また、上述した各実施形態のフロント側ハウジングに含まれる斜行スポーク434、434A、434Bは、冷却ファン25と対向する部分と、これと反対にブーリ9側に近接する部分とがほぼ同じ形状に形成されているが、ファン騒音を低減するために特に必要なのは冷却ファン25に対向する部分の形状等であるため、それ以外の部分の形状等については適宜変更が可能である。例えば、ブーリ9側に接近するにしたがって径方向に近づくように、斜行スポーク434等を軸方向に沿ってねじるようにしてもよい。

【0040】また、上述した各実施形態では、フロント側ハウジング4の吸気窓に斜行スポークを形成する場合を説明したが、リヤ側ハウジング5の吸気窓にスポーク

を形成する場合にも本発明を適用することができる。

### 【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本実施形態のオルタネータの全体構造を示す断面図である。

【図2】図1に示したオルタネータの正面図である。

【図3】フロント側ハウジングの正面図である。

【図4】フロント側ハウジングの吸入窓近傍の拡大図である。

【図5】図4のV-V線断面図である。

【図6】斜行スポークを用いた場合の圧力変動を示す図である。

【図7】斜行スポークを有するフロント側ハウジングが含まれるオルタネータのファン騒音の測定結果を示す図である。

【図8】斜行スポークをくの字型に形成した変形例を示す図である。

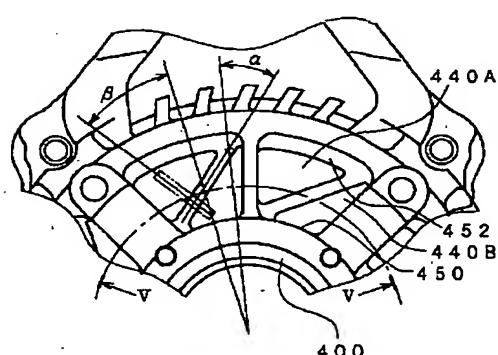
【図9】斜行スポークを軸方向に対して傾斜させた変形例を示す図である。

【図10】図9のX-X線断面図である。

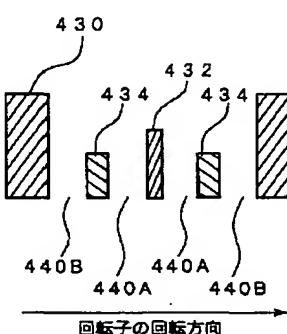
### 【符号の説明】

- 1 オルタネータ
- 2 回転子
- 3 固定子
- 4 フロント側ハウジング
- 5 リヤ側ハウジング
- 22、23 界磁鉄心
- 24 回転軸
- 25、26 冷却ファン
- 430 主スパーク
- 432 補助スパーク
- 434 斜行スパーク
- 440 吸入窓

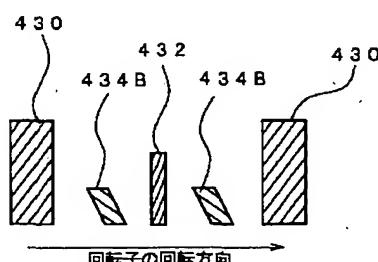
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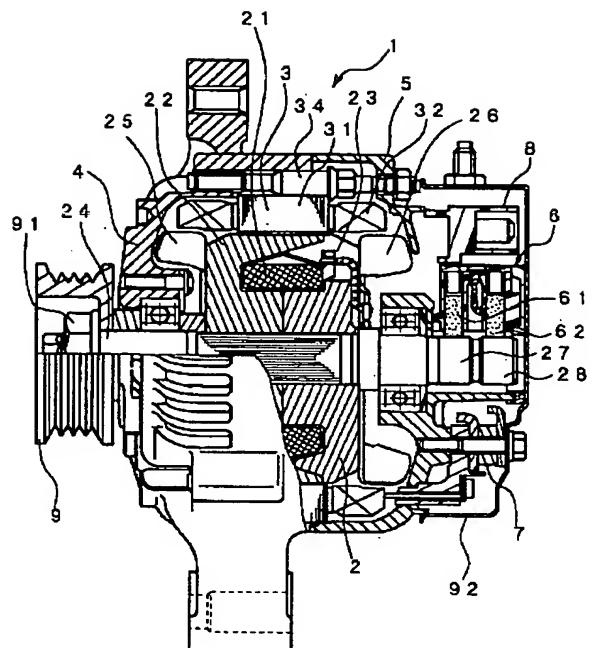
【图5】



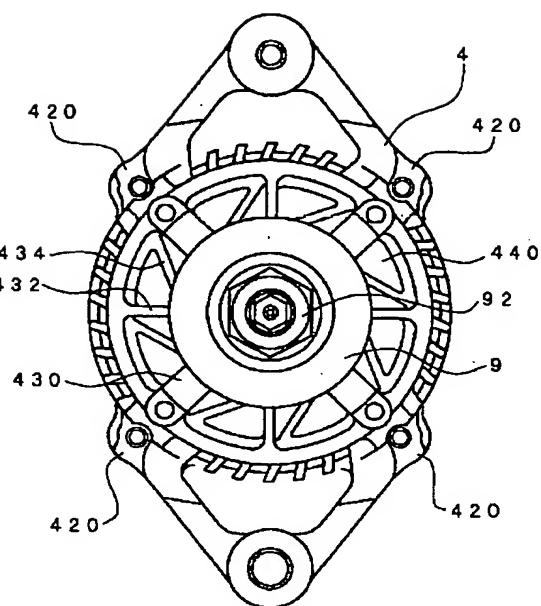
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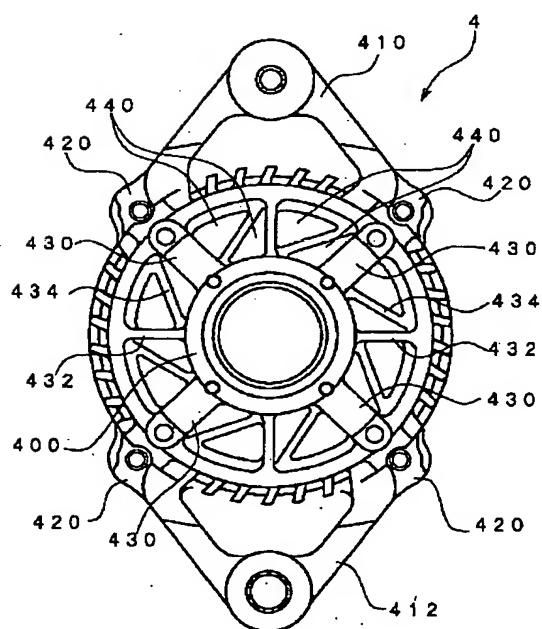
【図1】



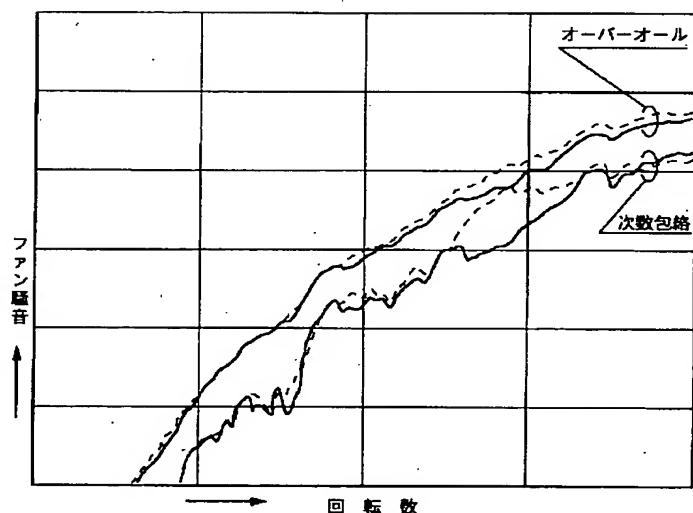
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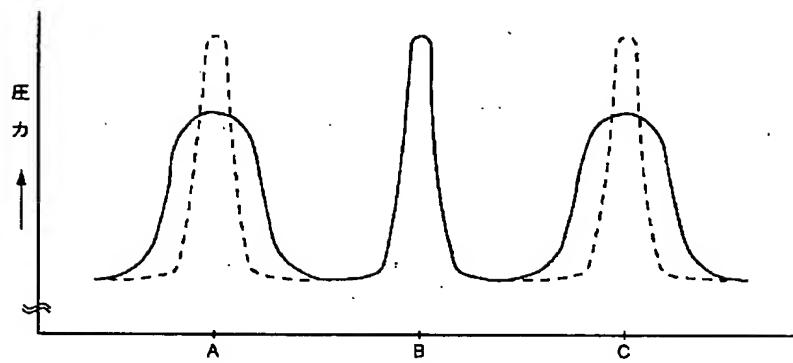
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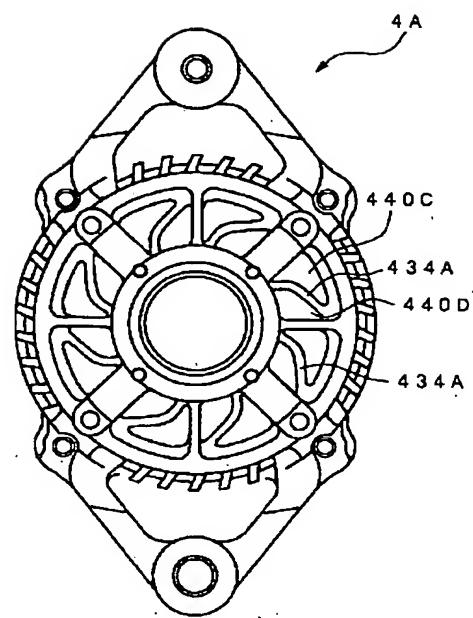
【図7】



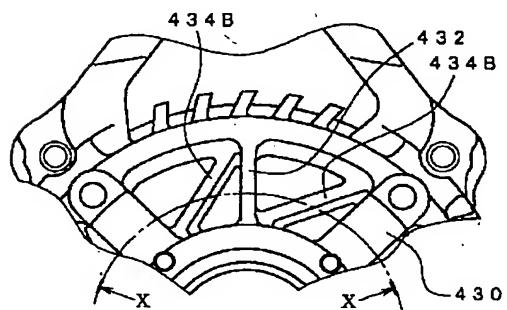
【図6】



【図8】



【図9】



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CLAIMS

## [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The AC generator for vehicles characterized by preparing the skew spoke toward which it had the rotator which has the cooling fan attached in the shaft-orientations end face of a field core and the aforementioned field core fixed to the axis of rotation, and housing supported possible [ rotation of the aforementioned rotator ], and the opposed face with the aforementioned cooling fan inclined to the direction of a path centering on the aforementioned axis of rotation at least in the inhalation aperture of the cooling style of the aforementioned housing.

[Claim 2] It is the AC generator for vehicles characterized by being set up so that it may become opposite across the aforementioned path direction to the inclination direction of the aforementioned cooling fan with which the inclination direction in the aforementioned opposed face of the aforementioned skew spoke approaches the aforementioned opposed face in a claim 1.

[Claim 3] It is the AC generator for vehicles characterized by arranging the aforementioned skew spoke between the aforementioned direction spokes of a path which have two or more direction spokes of a path formed in the sense to which the aforementioned housing met in the aforementioned path direction in claims 1 or 2, and adjoin a circumferential direction.

[Claim 4] It is the AC generator for vehicles characterized by corresponding to the supporter of the aforementioned housing with which the bolt for stator conclusion passes along a part of aforementioned direction spoke [ at least ] of a path in a claim 3.

[Claim 5] The AC generator for vehicles characterized by forming the aforementioned skew spoke in claims 3 or 4 along with the diagonal line of the aforementioned inhalation aperture divided by the aforementioned direction spoke of a path.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

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**[Detailed Description of the Invention]**

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to the AC generator for vehicles having a cooling fan.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] The AC generator for vehicles which is a kind of rotation electrical machinery provides the power of ignition in an engine, lighting, and other various electronic autoparts while performing the supplementary current of a battery during a vehicles run. In recent years, low noise-ization of the AC generator for vehicles is demanded with upgrading of vehicles etc.

[0003] By the way, there is fan noise generated when one of the noise of the AC generator for vehicles is made to rotate a cooling fan. It is known that fan noise will occur [ near / where this rotator is contained / the inhalation aperture of a frame ], and there is an AC generator for vehicles indicated by the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U and JP,7-107704,A as conventional technology reduce the fan noise made in this portion in the AC generator of an inner fan type for vehicles with which the cooling fan was fixed to the shaft-orientations end face of a rotator.

[0004] The configuration of an inhalation aperture where the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U was formed in front side housing (bracket) is asymmetrically set up to the center of housing. For this reason, even if it is the case where the fan attached in the shaft-orientations end face of a rotator rotates, it is hard to produce the periodic pressure fluctuation of inhalation of air, consequently generating of a rotation degree ratio component is decreased, the frequency which constitutes the fan noise resulting from inhalation of air can be distributed widely, the jarring feeling of a wind noise can be reduced, and, moreover, the overalls value of fan noise can also be reduced.

[0005] Moreover, as for the AC generator for vehicles indicated by JP,7-107704,A, the outline configuration of the inhalation aperture of front side housing is formed in the square configuration or the polygon configuration. For this reason, the degree component of fan noise is distributed and a fan noise reduction and unpleasant sound reduction can be aimed at.

[0006]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] By the way, since the configuration of the inhalation aperture of front side housing is asymmetrically set up to the center of a frame, the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U mentioned above has the problem that the configuration of an inhalation aperture becomes complicated, and the die design for manufacturing a product design and this becomes complicated, and becomes cost quantity.

[0007] Moreover, since the AC generator for vehicles indicated by JP,7-107704,A mentioned above formed the outline configuration of the inhalation aperture of front side housing in a polygon, when forming circularly, the area of the whole inhalation aperture became small, and it had the problem that air capacity decreased and a cooling performance fell. Thus, in order to reduce fan noise, the configuration of an inhalation aperture became complicated, or air capacity decreased, the cooling performance was falling, and the conventional AC generator for vehicles mentioned above was not able

to say it as a fundamental solution.

[0008] It is created in view of such a point, and the purpose has the simple configuration of the inhalation aperture of the cooling style, and this invention has it in offering the AC generator for vehicles in which the reduction in noise is possible, without moreover reducing a cooling performance.

[0009]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the technical problem mentioned above, the skew spoke which has the sense toward which the AC generator for vehicles of this invention inclined to the direction of a path in the inhalation aperture of the cooling style of housing is formed. The pressure fluctuation produced when a cooling fan rotates and it laps with this skew spoke by using this housing for a field core end face combining the rotator attached in the cooling fan, and it prevents that duplication area increases rapidly temporarily and a cooling fan rotates can be reduced, and low noise-ization can be attained. Moreover, since the direction of the spoke formed in the inhalation aperture of housing was made to only incline to the direction of a path, the configuration of the whole inhalation aperture is simple and a design and manufacture become easy. Moreover, in order that the area of an inhalation aperture may not decrease, cooling nature does not fall.

[0010] As for especially the inclination direction of the skew spoke mentioned above, it is desirable to set up so that it may become the inclination direction of a cooling fan and reversely to the direction of a path. By setting the sense of a cooling fan and a skew spoke as the reverse sense mutually, the pressure fluctuation produced when duplication area can be lessened and a cooling fan rotates, since each opposite portion of a cooling fan and a skew spoke will cross at a perpendicularly near angle can be reduced further.

[0011] Moreover, the direction spoke of a path which met in the direction of a path other than a skew spoke is formed in housing mentioned above, and it is desirable to arrange a skew spoke between the direction spokes of a path which adjoin a circumferential direction (hand of cut). Since the intensity (rigidity) of housing can be raised and the direction spoke of a path and a skew spoke will moreover be arranged by turns by using combining the direction spoke of a path, pressure fluctuation produced between cooling fans and these spokes is ununiformity-ized, the degree component of fan noise is distributed, and the further low noise-ization is attained.

[0012] Moreover, it is desirable to deal with the supporter along which the bolt for stator conclusion passes to a part of direction spoke [ at least ] of a path mentioned above. By lessening distortion of housing generated at the time of bolting of a bolt, at the time of power generation, a magnetic noise generated in very small vibration of a stator can be reduced, and generating of the noise in the whole AC generator for vehicles can be suppressed further.

[0013] Moreover, when using combining the direction spoke of a path, and a skew spoke, as for a skew spoke, it is desirable to form along with the diagonal line of the inhalation aperture divided by the direction spoke of a path. By forming along with the diagonal line, the degree of an inclination can be set up greatly, the angle which a cooling fan and a skew spoke intersect can be enlarged further, and the pressure fluctuation produced at the time of cooling-fan rotation can be reduced further. Moreover, since a skew spoke will be formed so that an inner circumference [ of an inhalation aperture ] and periphery side may be connected, a certain amount of intensity is securable with a skew spoke. For this reason, the rigidity of housing can go up and a magnetic noise made by very small vibration of a stator can be reduced.

[0014]

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[0021] Moreover, since the cooling fan 25 attached in the end face of one field core 22 rotates with rotation of the rotator 2 mentioned above, while a cooling wind is inhaled to the AC-dynamo 1 interior through the inhalation aperture 440 of the front side housing 4 prepared in the pulley 9 side and a field winding 21 is cooled by this shaft-orientations component of the cooling style, the front edge of a stator winding 32 is cooled by the direction component of a path. Since even a cooling fan 26 is led through the inhalation aperture of the rear \*\* housing 5 and this cooling wind is discharged in the direction of a path after the cooling wind inhaled through the inhalation aperture of the rear covering 92 cools a rectifier 7 or voltage adjustment equipment 8, since similarly the cooling fan 26 attached in the end face of the field core 23 of another side also rotates, the back edge of a stator winding 32 is cooled.

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[0024] Drawing 4 is an about 440 inhalation aperture enlarged view. As shown in this drawing, the skew spoke 434 is formed so that it may become the degree alpha of tilt angle to the direction of a path at the inhalation aperture of the about 4 square shape configuration divided as two sides which counter the auxiliary spoke 432 which adjoins the main spoke 430 and this. However, it is necessary to make it this inclination direction become the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 near point and the contrary close to this skew spoke 434. When its attention is paid to the portion which a cooling fan 25 and the skew spoke 434 counter, the degree beta of tilt angle is set up so that it may retreat to a hand of cut as the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 point goes to a periphery side. On the other hand, the degree alpha of tilt angle is set up so that it may move forward to a hand of cut, namely, so that it may become the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 point, and reversely across the direction of a path as the inclination direction of the skew spoke 434 goes to a periphery side.

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[0026] Moreover, when its attention is paid to intensity, as for the skew spoke 434, it is desirable to form so that the peripheral face 450 of the bearing box 400 and the hoop-direction wall surface 452 which counters this peripheral face 450 may be connected. And as mentioned above, in order to lessen the bias of the area of the inhalation apertures 440A and 440B as much as possible, it is desirable to form the skew spoke 434 so that the diagonal line of the inhalation aperture of the about 4 square shape configuration divided as two sides which counter the auxiliary spoke 432 which adjoins the main spoke 430 and this may be met. By forming the skew spoke 434 in such a position, the rigidity of the front side housing 4 whole can be raised. In addition, when sufficient rigidity for the front side housing 4 can be given by the main spoke 430 and the auxiliary spoke 432, you may make it form the skew spoke 434 so that a position may be intersected as [ of the skew spoke 434 ] an edge is the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432 on the other hand.

[0027] Moreover, drawing 5 is the V-V line cross section of drawing 4 . As shown in drawing 5 , the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434 are set up so that the inner skin of the front side housing 4 may turn into the same side mostly. Inhalation resistance of the cooling style can be lessened by bringing the inner skin of each spoke close to a part for the point of a cooling fan 25. Moreover, each shaft-orientations height of the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434 is set up so that it may become low in order of the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434. Although it is most effective to increase the cross section of the main spoke

430 in order to raise the rigidity of the front side housing 4, it also takes into consideration securing the area of the inhalation apertures 440A and 440B, and the shaft-orientations height of the main spoke 430 is set up most highly. Moreover, since it is increasing the cross section of the auxiliary spoke 432, one effective in a degree in order to raise the rigidity of the front side housing 4 is set up so that the shaft-orientations height of the auxiliary spoke 432 may become high at the degree of the main spoke 430. Therefore, the shaft-orientations height of the skew spoke 434 is set up so that it may become the lowest. Thus, when the degree of the contribution to a rigid rise sets up the height of a few spoke low, the draft resistance of the cooling style as possible can be reduced.

[0028] As mentioned above, AC dynamo 1 of this operation gestalt is equipped with the rotator 2 by which the cooling fan 25 was attached in the end face of a field core 22, and the skew spoke 434 is formed in the inhalation aperture 440 of the front side housing 4 which supports this rotator 2 possible [ rotation ]. Since the skew spoke 430 which has the predetermined degree of tilt angle to the direction of a path is formed, when a cooling fan 25 rotates with a rotator 2, area with which a part for a point and the skew spoke 434 of a cooling fan 25 lap simultaneously can be lessened, and the pressure fluctuation produced by rotation of a cooling fan 25 can be reduced.

[0029] Drawing 6 is drawing showing the pressure fluctuation at the time of using a skew spoke. In this drawing, the position which met the hand of cut at the time of rotating a cooling fan 25 is shown, "A" and "C" correspond to the position in which the skew spoke 434 was formed, and the horizontal axis corresponds to the position in which the auxiliary spoke 432 in the meantime was formed for "B." Moreover, the vertical axis shows the pressure near the point part of a cooling fan 25. In addition, while the solid line showed the pressure fluctuation at the time of using the front side housing 4 of this operation gestalt in which the skew spoke 434 was formed, the dotted line showed the pressure fluctuation at the time of using front side housing of the conventional type which transposed the skew spoke 434 of this operation gestalt to the auxiliary spoke 432 for comparison.

[0030] When the amount of [ the skew spoke 434 and / of a cooling fan 25 ] point laps, since these cross with a predetermined angle, the area of a duplication portion becomes small, and elevation of a momentary pressure can be suppressed. However, since it will reach far and wide and a part for a point and the skew spoke 434 of a cooling fan 25 will cross compared with the case where the auxiliary spoke 432 is used instead of the skew spoke 434, the range to which a pressure becomes high becomes large.

[0031] Thus, while being able to stop the pressure fluctuation at the time of rotating a cooling fan 25 by using the front side housing 4 with which the skew spoke 434 was formed, the pressure in the position of the skew spoke 434 and the pressure in the position of the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432 are changed, uneven-ization of pressure fluctuation is attained, the degree component of the fan noise made with a cooling fan 25 can be lowered, and low noise-ization of fan noise can be attained.

[0032] Drawing 7 is drawing showing the result which measured the fan noise of AC dynamo 1 of this operation gestalt which used the skew spoke. In this drawing, the horizontal axis shows the fan noise as which the vertical axis expressed the AC-dynamo rotational frequency per dB, respectively.

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[0033] As shown in drawing 7, the effect of a fan noise reduction was checked in the comparatively high rotational frequency. Especially about "degree envelopment", reduction of a large fan noise was realized in the predetermined range of a high rotation region. Since this has arranged the skew spoke 434 between the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432, pressure fluctuation ununiformity-izes it, and it is considered to be because for the degree component to have been distributed.

[0034] By the way, although the skew spoke 434 mentioned above is formed in the shape of a straight line so that it may have the fixed degree alpha of tilt angle to the direction of a path, it changes the inclination direction on the way, and you may make it form it in the "character" type of \*\*. Drawing 8 is

drawing showing the modification which formed the skew spoke in the character type of \*\*. It differs in that the configuration of a skew spoke was changed to the front side housing 4 which showed front side housing 4A shown in this drawing to drawing 3. Two steps of the degrees of tilt angle over the direction of a path are set up, and by making inhalation-of-air aperture 440C which adjoins the side which retreats to the hand of cut of a stator project, skew spoke 434A is set up so that the area of two inhalation-of-air apertures 440C and 440D which adjoin this skew spoke 434A may become almost the same.

[0035] Thus, by setting the inclination direction of skew spoke 434A as two stages, and using the configuration as the character type of \*\*, the bias of the area of the inhalation apertures 440C and 440D can be abolished, and reduction of inhalation resistance can be aimed at compared with the case where one area becomes extremely small. Moreover, since the size of the foreign matter which can invade becomes small by equalizing the area of the inhalation apertures 440C and 440D, the exclusion capacity of a foreign matter can be heightened.

[0036] Moreover, the skew spokes 434 and 434A mentioned above have a predetermined angle to the direction of a path, and although it was formed so that it might become parallel to the axis of rotation 24 about shaft orientations, you may make it attach an inclination also about shaft orientations. Drawing 9 is drawing showing the modification which made the skew spoke incline to shaft orientations, and the partial enlarged view near the skew spoke is shown. Moreover, drawing 10 is the X-X line cross section of drawing 9.

[0037] As shown in drawing 9 and drawing 10, skew spoke 434B inclines in the sense which retreats to a hand of cut as it is carrying out the predetermined angle inclination to shaft orientations and keeps away from an opposed face with a cooling fan 25. It is known that the cooling wind generally inhaled when rotating a rotator 2 will flow to the inclination direction and the same direction of this skew spoke 434B. That is, by deciding the inclination direction to the shaft orientations of skew spoke 434B according to the inhalation direction of the cooling style, increase of the inhalation resistance by skew spoke 434B existing can be reduced as much as possible, and cooling performance degradation can be prevented.

[0038] In addition, this invention is not limited to the above-mentioned operation gestalt, and deformation implementation various by within the limits of the summary of this invention is possible for it. For example, although skew spoke 434A contained in front side housing 4A shown in drawing 8 was bent once on the way and formed in the character type of \*\*, it may bend twice or more or you may make it form the whole in a smooth curve configuration. Moreover, although only skew spoke 434B was made to incline to shaft orientations with front side housing shown partially in drawing 9, you may make it incline to shaft orientations similarly about the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432.

[0039] Moreover, although the cooling fan 25, the portion which counters, and this and the portion which approaches a pulley 9 side reversely are formed at the almost same configuration, since it is the configuration of the portion which counters a cooling fan 25 etc., one especially required in order to reduce fan noise can change suitably the skew spokes 434, 434A, and 434B contained in front side housing of each operation gestalt mentioned above about the configuration of the other portion. For example, you may make it twist skew spoke 434 grade in accordance with shaft orientations so that it may approach in the direction of a path as a pulley 9 side is approached.

[0040] Moreover, although each operation gestalt mentioned above explained the case where a skew spoke was formed in the inhalation-of-air aperture of the front side housing 4, this invention can be applied when forming a spoke in the inhalation-of-air aperture of the rear \*\* housing 5.

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TECHNICAL FIELD

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[The technical field to which invention belongs] this invention relates to the AC generator for vehicles having a cooling fan.

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**PRIOR ART**

[Description of the Prior Art] The AC generator for vehicles which is a kind of rotation electrical machinery provides the power of ignition in an engine, lighting, and other various electronic autoparts while performing the supplementary current of a battery during a vehicles run. In recent years, low noise-ization of the AC generator for vehicles is demanded with upgrading of vehicles etc.

[0003] By the way, there is fan noise generated when one of the noise of the AC generator for vehicles is made to rotate a cooling fan. In the AC generator for vehicles of an inner fan type with which the cooling fan was fixed to the shaft-orientations end face of a rotator It is known that fan noise will occur [near / where this rotator is contained / the inhalation aperture of a frame], and there is an AC generator for vehicles indicated by the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U and JP,7-107704,A as conventional technology of reducing the fan noise made in this portion.

[0004] The configuration of an inhalation aperture where the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U was formed in front side housing (bracket) is asymmetrically set up to the center of housing. For this reason, even if it is the case where the fan attached in the shaft-orientations end face of a rotator rotates, it is hard to produce the periodic pressure fluctuation of inhalation of air, consequently generating of a rotation degree ratio component is decreased, the frequency which constitutes the fan noise resulting from inhalation of air can be distributed widely, the jarring feeling of a wind noise can be reduced, and, moreover, the overall value of fan noise can also be reduced.

[0005] Moreover, as for the AC generator for vehicles indicated by JP,7-107704,A, the outline configuration of the inhalation aperture of front side housing is formed in the square configuration or the polygon configuration. For this reason, the degree component of fan noise is distributed and a fan noise reduction and unpleasant sound reduction can be aimed at.

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**TECHNICAL PROBLEM**

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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] By the way, since the configuration of the inhalation aperture of front side housing is asymmetrically set up to the center of a frame, the charging generator for vehicles indicated by JP,3-21964,U mentioned above has the problem that the configuration of an inhalation aperture becomes complicated, and the die design for manufacturing a product design and this becomes complicated, and becomes cost quantity.

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[0008] It is created in view of such a point, and the purpose has the simple configuration of the inhalation aperture of the cooling style, and this invention has it in offering the AC generator for vehicles in which the reduction in noise is possible, without moreover reducing a cooling performance.

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## MEANS

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[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the technical problem mentioned above, the skew spoke which has the sense toward which the AC generator for vehicles of this invention inclined to the direction of a path in the inhalation aperture of the cooling style of housing is formed. The pressure fluctuation produced when a cooling fan rotates and it laps with this skew spoke by using this housing for a field core end face combining the rotator attached in the cooling fan, and it prevents that duplication area increases rapidly temporarily and a cooling fan rotates can be reduced, and low noise-ization can be attained. Moreover, since the direction of the spoke formed in the inhalation aperture of housing was made to only incline to the direction of a path, the configuration of the whole inhalation aperture is simple and a design and manufacture become easy. Moreover, in order that the area of an inhalation aperture may not decrease, cooling nature does not fall.

[0010] As for especially the inclination direction of the skew spoke mentioned above, it is desirable to set up so that it may become the inclination direction of a cooling fan and reversely to the direction of a path. By setting the sense of a cooling fan and a skew spoke as the reverse sense mutually, the pressure fluctuation produced when duplication area can be lessened and a cooling fan rotates, since each opposite portion of a cooling fan and a skew spoke will cross at a perpendicularly near angle can be reduced further.

[0011] Moreover, the direction spoke of a path which met in the direction of a path other than a skew spoke is formed in housing mentioned above, and it is desirable to arrange a skew spoke between the direction spokes of a path which adjoin a circumferential direction (hand of cut). Since the intensity (rigidity) of housing can be raised and the direction spoke of a path and a skew spoke will moreover be arranged by turns by using combining the direction spoke of a path, pressure fluctuation produced between cooling fans and these spokes is ununiformity-ized, the degree component of fan noise is distributed, and the further low noise-ization is attained.

[0012] Moreover, it is desirable to deal with the supporter along which the bolt for stator conclusion passes to a part of direction spoke [ at least ] of a path mentioned above. By lessening distortion of housing generated at the time of bolting of a bolt, at the time of power generation, a magnetic noise generated in very small vibration of a stator can be reduced, and generating of the noise in the whole AC generator for vehicles can be suppressed further.

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[0024] Drawing 4 is an about 440 inhalation aperture enlarged view. As shown in this drawing, the skew spoke 434 is formed so that it may become the degree alpha of tilt angle to the direction of a path at the inhalation aperture of the about 4 square shape configuration divided as two sides which counter the auxiliary spoke 432 which adjoins the main spoke 430 and this. However, it is necessary to make it this inclination direction become the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 near point and the contrary close to this skew spoke 434. When its attention is paid to the portion which a cooling fan 25 and the skew spoke 434 counter, the degree beta of tilt angle is set up so that it may retreat to a hand of cut as the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 point goes to a periphery side. On the other hand, the degree alpha of tilt angle is set up so that it may move forward to a hand of cut, namely, so that it may become the inclination direction of cooling-fan 25 point, and reversely across the direction of a path as the inclination direction of the skew spoke 434 goes to a periphery side.

[0025] Moreover, as for the degree alpha of tilt angle of the skew spoke 434, it is desirable to set up so that it may be contained in the range of 25 degrees - 65 degrees. Although it is more desirable to cross a part for cooling-fan 25 point mostly at a right angle, a big bias arises in each area of inhalation aperture 440B inserted by inhalation aperture 440A and the skew spoke 434 which were pinched by the skew spoke 434 and the main spoke 430, and the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434 is not desirable from increase of inhalation resistance, or the point of foreign matter mixing, if the degree alpha of tilt angle of the skew spoke 434 is set up extremely small or greatly.

[0026] Moreover, when its attention is paid to intensity, as for the skew spoke 434, it is desirable to form so that the peripheral face 450 of the bearing box 400 and the hoop-direction wall surface 452 which counters this peripheral face 450 may be connected. And as mentioned above, in order to lessen the bias of the area of the inhalation apertures 440A and 440B as much as possible, it is desirable to form the skew spoke 434 so that the diagonal line of the inhalation aperture of the about 4 square shape configuration divided as two sides which counter the auxiliary spoke 432 which adjoins the main spoke 430 and this may be met. By forming the skew spoke 434 in such a position, the rigidity of the front side housing 4 whole can be raised. In addition, when sufficient rigidity for the front side housing 4 can be given by the main spoke 430 and the auxiliary spoke 432, you may make it form the skew spoke 434 so that a position may be intersected as [ of the skew spoke 434 ] an edge is the main spoke 430 or the

auxiliary spoke 432 on the other hand.

[0027] Moreover, drawing 5 is the V-V line cross section of drawing 4. As shown in drawing 5, the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434 are set up so that the inner skin of the front side housing 4 may turn into the same side mostly. Inhalation resistance of the cooling style can be lessened by bringing the inner skin of each spoke close to a part for the point of a cooling fan 25.

Moreover, each shaft-orientations height of the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434 is set up so that it may become low in order of the main spoke 430, the auxiliary spoke 432, and the skew spoke 434. Although it is most effective to increase the cross section of the main spoke 430 in order to raise the rigidity of the front side housing 4, it also takes into consideration securing the area of the inhalation apertures 440A and 440B, and the shaft-orientations height of the main spoke 430 is set up most highly. Moreover, since it is increasing the cross section of the auxiliary spoke 432, one effective in a degree in order to raise the rigidity of the front side housing 4 is set up so that the shaft-orientations height of the auxiliary spoke 432 may become high at the degree of the main spoke 430. Therefore, the shaft-orientations height of the skew spoke 434 is set up so that it may become the lowest. Thus, when the degree of the contribution to a rigid rise sets up the height of a few spoke low, the draft resistance of the cooling style as possible can be reduced.

[0028] As mentioned above, AC dynamo 1 of this operation gestalt is equipped with the rotator 2 by which the cooling fan 25 was attached in the end face of a field core 22, and the skew spoke 434 is formed in the inhalation aperture 440 of the front side housing 4 which supports this rotator 2 possible [ rotation ]. Since the skew spoke 430 which has the predetermined degree of tilt angle to the direction of a path is formed, when a cooling fan 25 rotates with a rotator 2, area with which a part for a point and the skew spoke 434 of a cooling fan 25 lap simultaneously can be lessened, and the pressure fluctuation produced by rotation of a cooling fan 25 can be reduced.

[0029] Drawing 6 is drawing showing the pressure fluctuation at the time of using a skew spoke. In this drawing, the position which met the hand of cut at the time of rotating a cooling fan 25 is shown, "A" and "C" correspond to the position in which the skew spoke 434 was formed, and the horizontal axis corresponds to the position in which the auxiliary spoke 432 in the meantime was formed for "B." Moreover, the vertical axis shows the pressure near the point part of a cooling fan 25. In addition, while the solid line showed the pressure fluctuation at the time of using the front side housing 4 of this operation gestalt in which the skew spoke 434 was formed, the dotted line showed the pressure fluctuation at the time of using front side housing of the conventional type which transposed the skew spoke 434 of this operation gestalt to the auxiliary spoke 432 for comparison.

[0030] When the amount of [ the skew spoke 434 and / of a cooling fan 25 ] point laps, since these cross with a predetermined angle, the area of a duplication portion becomes small, and elevation of a momentary pressure can be suppressed. However, since it will reach far and wide and a part for a point and the skew spoke 434 of a cooling fan 25 will cross compared with the case where the auxiliary spoke 432 is used instead of the skew spoke 434, the range to which a pressure becomes high becomes large.

[0031] Thus, while being able to stop the pressure fluctuation at the time of rotating a cooling fan 25 by using the front side housing 4 with which the skew spoke 434 was formed, the pressure in the position of the skew spoke 434 and the pressure in the position of the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432 are changed, uneven-ization of pressure fluctuation is attained, the degree component of the fan noise made with a cooling fan 25 can be lowered, and low noise-ization of fan noise can be attained.

[0032] Drawing 7 is drawing showing the result which measured the fan noise of AC dynamo 1 of this operation gestalt which used the skew spoke. In this drawing, the horizontal axis shows the fan noise as which the vertical axis expressed the AC-dynamo rotational frequency per dB, respectively.

Measurement followed each of "degree envelopment" which shows the envelope of the "overalls" containing all degree components, and each degree component. In addition, while the solid line showed the measurement result at the time of using the front side housing 4 of this operation gestalt in which the skew spoke 434 was formed, the dotted line showed the measurement result at the time of using front side housing of the conventional type which transposed the skew spoke 434 to the auxiliary spoke 432 for comparison.

[0033] As shown in drawing 7, the effect of a fan noise reduction was checked in the comparatively high rotational frequency. Especially about "degree envelopment", reduction of a large fan noise was realized in the predetermined range of a high rotation region. Since this has arranged the skew spoke 434 between the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432, pressure fluctuation ununiformity-izes it, and it is considered to be because for the degree component to have been distributed.

[0034] By the way, although the skew spoke 434 mentioned above is formed in the shape of a straight line so that it may have the fixed degree alpha of tilt angle to the direction of a path, it changes the inclination direction on the way, and you may make it form it in the "character" type of \*\*. Drawing 8 is drawing showing the modification which formed the skew spoke in the character type of \*\*. It differs in that the configuration of a skew spoke was changed to the front side housing 4 which showed front side housing 4A shown in this drawing to drawing 3. Two steps of the degrees of tilt angle over the direction of a path are set up, and by making inhalation-of-air aperture 440C which adjoins the side which retreats to the hand of cut of a stator project, skew spoke 434A is set up so that the area of two inhalation-of-air apertures 440C and 440D which adjoin this skew spoke 434A may become almost the same.

[0035] Thus, by setting the inclination direction of skew spoke 434A as two stages, and using the configuration as the character type of \*\*, the bias of the area of the inhalation apertures 440C and 440D can be abolished, and reduction of inhalation resistance can be aimed at compared with the case where one area becomes extremely small. Moreover, since the size of the foreign matter which can invade becomes small by equalizing the area of the inhalation apertures 440C and 440D, the exclusion capacity of a foreign matter can be heightened.

[0036] Moreover, the skew spokes 434 and 434A mentioned above have a predetermined angle to the direction of a path, and although it was formed so that it might become parallel to the axis of rotation 24 about shaft orientations, you may make it attach an inclination also about shaft orientations. Drawing 9 is drawing showing the modification which made the skew spoke incline to shaft orientations, and the partial enlarged view near the skew spoke is shown. Moreover, drawing 10 is the X-X line cross section of drawing 9.

[0037] As shown in drawing 9 and drawing 10, skew spoke 434B inclines in the sense which retreats to a hand of cut as it is carrying out the predetermined angle inclination to shaft orientations and keeps away from an opposed face with a cooling fan 25. It is known that the cooling wind generally inhaled when rotating a rotator 2 will flow to the inclination direction and the same direction of this skew spoke 434B. That is, by deciding the inclination direction to the shaft orientations of skew spoke 434B according to the inhalation direction of the cooling style, increase of the inhalation resistance by skew spoke 434B existing can be reduced as much as possible, and cooling performance degradation can be prevented.

[0038] In addition, this invention is not limited to the above-mentioned operation form, and deformation implementation various by within the limits of the summary of this invention is possible for it. For example, although skew spoke 434A contained in front side housing 4A shown in drawing 8 was bent once on the way and formed in the character type of \*\*, it may bend twice or more or you may make it form the whole in a smooth curve configuration. Moreover, although only skew spoke 434B was made to incline to shaft orientations with front side housing shown partially in drawing 9, you may make it incline to shaft orientations similarly about the main spoke 430 or the auxiliary spoke 432.

[0039] Moreover, although the cooling fan 25, the portion which counters, and this and the portion which approaches a pulley 9 side reversely are formed at the almost same configuration, since it is the configuration of the portion which counters a cooling fan 25 etc., one especially required in order to reduce fan noise can change suitably the skew spokes 434, 434A, and 434B contained in front side housing of each operation form mentioned above about the configuration of the other portion. For example, you may make it twist skew spoke 434 grade in accordance with shaft orientations so that it may approach in the direction of a path as a pulley 9 side is approached.

[0040] Moreover, although each operation form mentioned above explained the case where a skew spoke was formed in the inhalation-of-air aperture of the front side housing 4, this invention can be applied when forming a spoke in the inhalation-of-air aperture of the rear \*\* housing 5.

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**DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

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**[Brief Description of the Drawings]**

[Drawing 1] It is the cross section showing the whole AC-dynamo structure of this operation gestalt.

[Drawing 2] It is the front view of the AC dynamo shown in drawing 1.

[Drawing 3] It is the front view of front side housing.

[Drawing 4] It is an enlarged view near the inhalation aperture of front side housing.

[Drawing 5] It is the V-V line cross section of drawing 4.

[Drawing 6] It is drawing showing the pressure fluctuation at the time of using a skew spoke.

[Drawing 7] It is drawing showing the measurement result of the fan noise of the AC dynamo with which front side housing which has a skew spoke is contained.

[Drawing 8] It is drawing showing the modification which formed the skew spoke in the character type of \*\*.

[Drawing 9] It is drawing showing the modification which made the skew spoke incline to shaft orientations.

[Drawing 10] It is the X-X line cross section of drawing 9.

**[Description of Notations]**

1 AC Dynamo

2 Rotator

3 Stator

4 Front Side Housing

5 Rear \*\* Housing

22 23 Field core

24 Axis of Rotation

25 26 Cooling fan

430 The Main Spoke

432 Auxiliary Spoke

434 Skew Spoke

440 Inhalation Aperture

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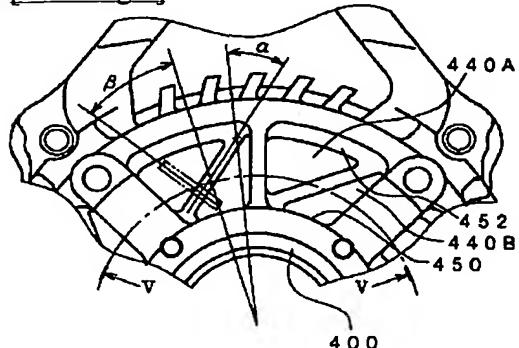
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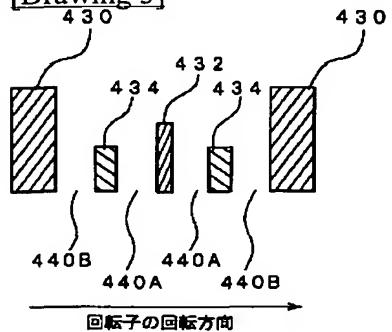
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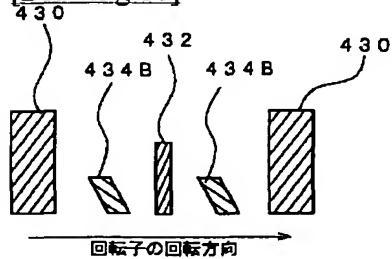
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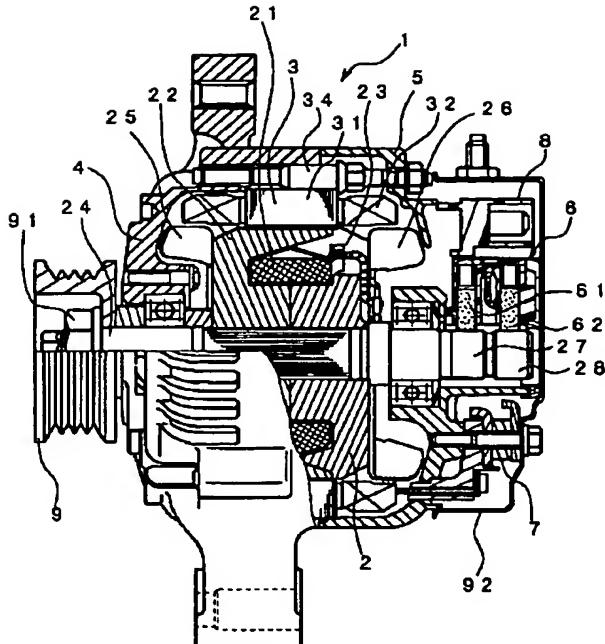
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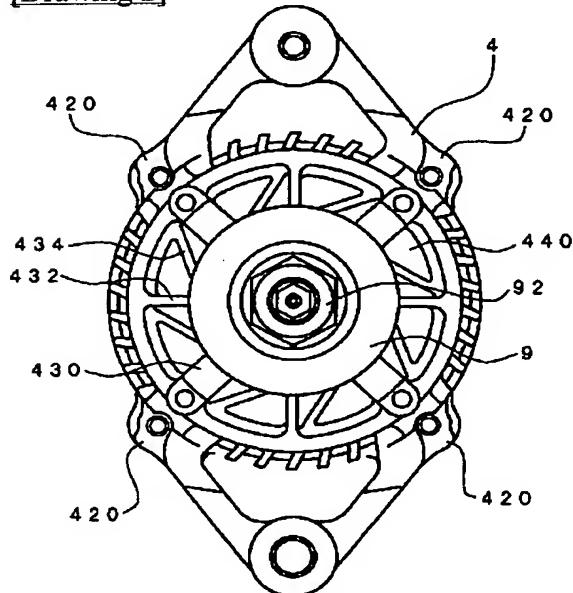
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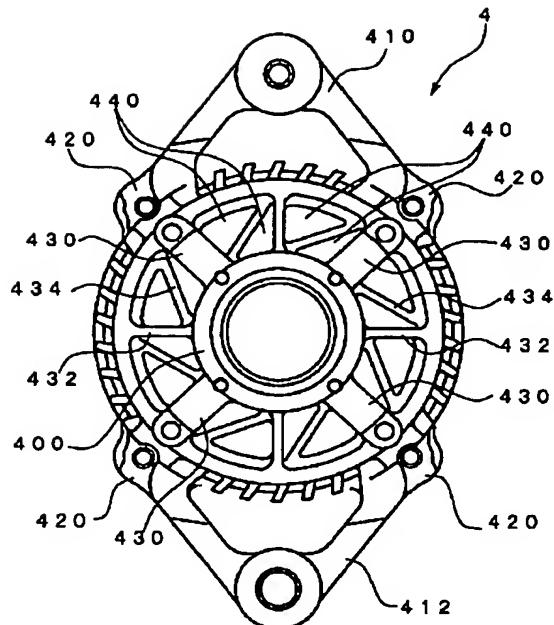
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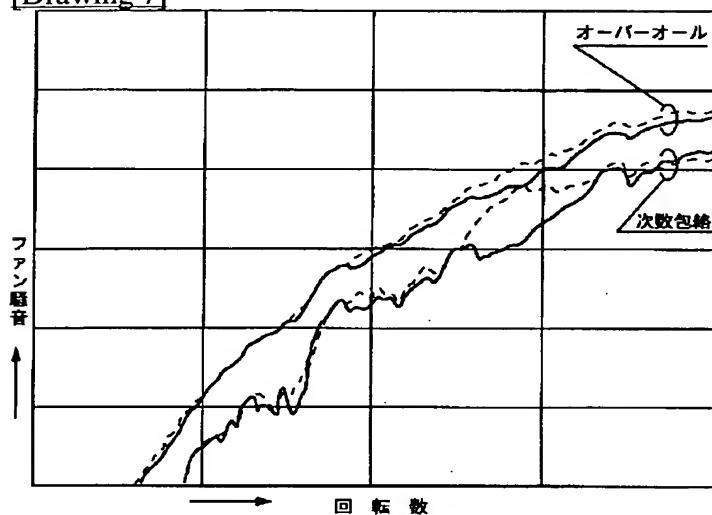
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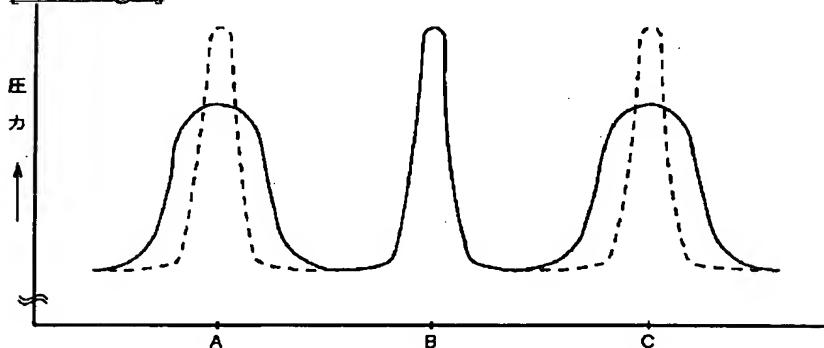
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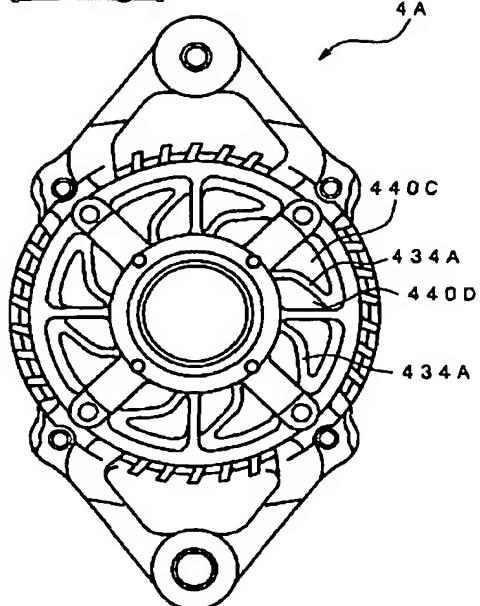
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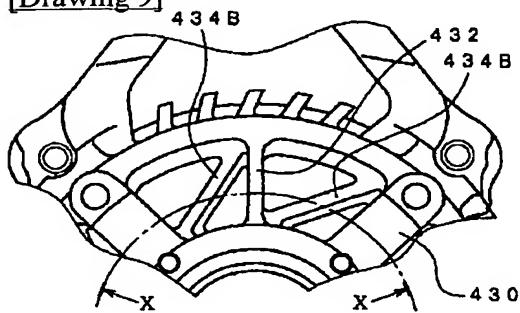
[Drawing 6]



[Drawing 8]



[Drawing 9]



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